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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SCHLESINGER, JAMES), CH, US

SUBJECT: SCHLESINGER VISIT: USLO ROLE

REF: PEKING 1754, STATE 217160

1. ALTHOUGH I ATTENDED NOON BANQUET SEPTEMBER 7 AT PEKING HOTEL FOR SCHLESINGER AND ENTIRE PARTY HOSTED BY CPIFA, I DID NOT JOIN BANQUET FOR ENTIRE PARTY SAME EVENING AT GREAT HALL HOSTED BY CHIAO KUAN-HUA. ACCORDING TO LUTTWAK, CHINESE ON EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 6, DURING DISCUSSION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT, HAD SAID THEY WOULD NOT FIND IT CONVENIENT TO INCLUDE ME AT CHIAO BANQUET OWING TO THE "SPECIAL NATURE" OF THAT OCCASION.

2. USLO HAS NOT BEEN REPRESENTED AT TALKS WITH CHIAO, WHICH CONTINUE ON SEPTEMBER 8, NOR DOES IT APPEAR LIKELY WE WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND MEETING(S) WITH MORE SENIOR LEADER(S) OR OTHERWISE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GROUP'S PEKING PROGRAM EXCEPT PERHAPS FOR RETURN BANQUET EVENING SEPTEMBER 11. SCHLESINGER APPARENTLY STILL HAD USLO ATTENDANCE AT TALKS UNDER CONSIDERATION WHEN HE ARRIVED HERE. IN INFORMING ME SEPTEMBER 7 THAT HE HAD DECIDED AGAINST IT, SCHLESINGER ALLUDED TO USLO'S "SPECIAL ROLE."

3. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN TAKEN UP ON OUR OFFER, REITERATED HERE,
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OF DRINKS AND A DISCUSSION. BUT LUTTWAK, EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 7,

VOLUNTEERED VAGUE ASSURANCE THAT BEFORE DEPARTING PEKING
SCHLESINGER WOULD FIND AN OCCASION TO REVIEW WITH US THE CONTENT
OF HIS TALKS WITH CHINESE LEADERS.
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